- WAC 357-19-400 May an employer convert a nonpermanent appointment to a probationary or trial service appointment? (1) When an employer uses a competitive process to make a nonpermanent appointment to fill a position in the absence of a permanent employee or fill a position nonpermanently due to the impending or actual layoff of a permanent employee(s), the employer may change the status of the appointment to probationary or ((if the employee held permanent status prior to the nonpermanent appointment)) to trial service if:
- (a) The permanent employee does not return to the position or the layoff action has been implemented; and
 - (b) The employer needs to fill the position permanently.
- (2) When an employer uses a veterans placement program to fill a nonpermanent position for any reason listed in WAC 357-19-360, the employer may change the status of the appointment to probationary or to trial service.
- (3) At the discretion of the appointing authority, time spent in the nonpermanent appointment may count towards the probationary or trial service period for the permanent position.

[1] OTS-3622.3